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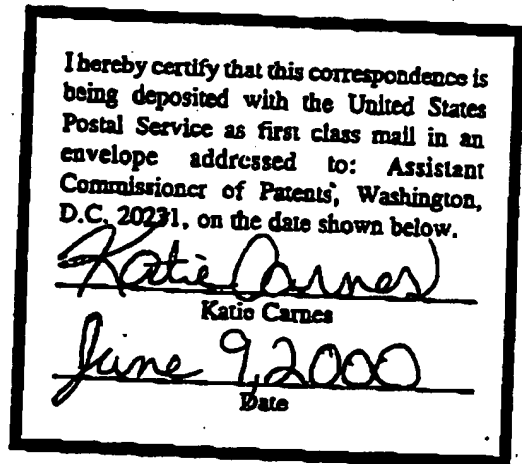
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: James R. Albritton
Serial No.: 09/074,496
Filing Date: May 7, 1998
Group Art Unit: 3629
Examiner: Buck, B.
Title: BREAKAWAY SUPPORT POST FOR HIGHWAY
GUARDRAIL END TREATMENTS

Honorable Assistant Commissioner of
Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:



**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR DECLARATION OF
INTERFERENCE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. 1.607**

Applicant respectfully requests that the above-identified patent application be amended as set forth herein and that an interference be declared between the above-identified application and United States Patent 5,988,598 to Sicking et al., issued on November 23, 1999 ("the '598 patent").